**Comparison Chart of Buddhist Schools or Sects**

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Just as Christianity and Islam have various sects and schools within its general faith, so has Buddhism. A general familiarity of those schools and how the compare and contrast with other schools is the objective of this assignment.

You are to select one of the sects under the “School”, and show its similarities and differences with the other seven sects. Be sure to note in which countries each sect is most likely to be found. As well, do show within the similarities and differences which general camp, Theravadan or Mahayanan, that particular sect falls under if it does at all (some do not fall under either).

**Buddhist school selected: Ch’an**

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| **School** | **Countries where popular** | **Similarities** | **Differences** |
| Pureland Sect | - China  - Japan  - Korea | * - Pureland Sect is alongside Ch’an * - Pureland and Ch’an are based on Mahayana Buddhism | * - Pureland Sect practices are simple compared to other schools. * - One centered belief; is vows to ones name. |
| Ch’an | - Main Land China  - Japan  - Korea  - Vietnam | * - Ch’an comes in forms of scripture based on Buddhism. - It, focuses on spiritual practices like Christianity and Middle Eastern cultures and traditions | - Ch’an is more situated on the practice of Mahayana Buddhism while Pureland is centralized to the Japanese Zen theme |
| Tibetan | - Tibet  - India  - Mongolia  - China  - Russia | * - Mahayana Buddhism are similar to both practices * - Both practices focus on the ideas from the enlightenment. | * - The Tibetan language was taught inside of the country * - Ch’an’s meditation time is extended along with other regular exercises |
| Tendai | - China  - Japan | - Both practices originated in China and are based on the Mahayana Buddhism exercise | * - Tendai is more popular in Japan than it is in China * - It is more widely practiced in foreign countries of China |
| Zen | - China  - Japan  - Korea | * - Spiritual practices especially in the inner mind with Buddha. | * - Made in Japan but originated in China |
| Chogye | - Korea  - China | * - Chogye is taught by the Sixth Patriarch; a part of the Mahayana Buddhism regulation. | * - Chogye is focused on the Tendai movement |
| Cheontae | - China  - Korea  - Japan | - Both originate from the ideas and beliefs of the enlightenment | * - The beliefs in both are all based on morality and unrealistic views |
| Won | - Korea | * - Similar to the practices in the Japanese Zen theme | * - Ch`an, is a practice based on an individual whereas Won is a connection among many people. |